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On behalf of all Americans, it is with great respect and admiration that I congratulate everyone who has contributed to the extraordinary success of the Peace Corps in the Czech Republic.

Peace Corps Volunteers began their service in the Czech Republic at a historic moment. In 1989, the Czech people had begun the dramatic transition to freedom, democracy, and a market economy. Less than one year later, in 1990, the first Peace Corps Volunteers arrived to help make this transition a lasting success. Since then, more than 220 Volunteers have worked in genuine partnership with the people of the Czech Republic. Together, Peace Corps Volunteers and Czechs have expanded access to English language education; they have worked to restore and protect the Czech Republic's environment; they have helped strengthen its economy by promoting small business development; and Volunteers, on their return home, have shared the Czechs' rich culture with their fellow Americans.

Peace Corps Volunteers can take great pride in their accomplishments and the contributions they have made to the Czech Republic. Your experience in the cities and towns there will enrich our nation and strengthen the long-standing ties of friendship between Americans and Czechs.

Peace Corps Volunteers are an inspiration to all who seek to improve our world through peace and international understanding. I thank each of you for devoting a part of your life to this important endeavor.

Sincerely,



Bill Clinton

